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Department of Revenue posts delinquent taxpayers on Web site

FRANKFORT, Ky.— The Kentucky Finance and Administration Cabinet's Department of Revenue has posted on the Internet the names and amounts owed to the commonwealth of the top 300 most delinquent Kentucky taxpayers. To view this listing of the 150 most delinquent individuals and the 150 most delinquent businesses, visit Revenue's Web site at www.revenue.ky.gov.

Kentucky is now the 15th state to post delinquent taxpayer information on the Internet. Currently Colorado, Connecticut, Georgia, Indiana, Louisiana, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, New Jersey, North Carolina, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Washington and the District of Columbia also publish such lists and have achieved considerable success using this method.

"This administration is committed to collecting what is owed to the state, not increasing the tax burden on people who are already paying their share," Finance and Administration Cabinet Secretary Robbie Rudolph said. "If we can collect even a portion of what is owed, which we estimate to be in the hundreds of millions of dollars, we will have done what is right for the law abiding taxpayers of this commonwealth."

Individuals who have additional information about the delinquent taxpayers listed on Revenue's Web site may now submit an anonymous tip at http://revenue.ky.gov/fraud.htm. Individuals who choose to include their contact information may do so, but it is not required.

Kentucky's list will be regularly updated and expanded to include a larger number of delinquent taxpayers over time. Businesses and individuals who believe they may owe past due taxes and wish to keep their names off the delinquent taxpayer Web site should contact the Department of Revenue at 502/564-4921, ext. 5367.

